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SUBJECT: MBFR: FURTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS

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1. SPC DISCUSSION TO DATE SUGGESTS THAT WE MAY BE FACED WITH THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE US PREFERS TO ESTABLISH ARMAMENTS CEILINGS AS A RESULT OF PHASE I OR WOULD PREFER TO AVOID THEM IF POSSIBLE. SEE SECTION III REFTEL. DEPENDING UPON THE CONTEXT OF THE DISCUSSION, THE QUESTION MIGHT BE RAISED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS:

(A) IF THE EAST DOES NOT RAISE THE OPTION III CEILINGS ISSUES INITIALLY, SHOULD THE ALLIES DO SO THEMSELVES AT A TACTICALLY APPROPRIATE TIME OR WOULD IT BE PREFERABLE TO HAVE A PHASE I AGREEMENT WHICH DOES NOT DEAL EXPLICITLY WITH POST REDUCTION LIMITATIONS?

(B) IF NEITHER SIDE RAISES OPTION III CEILINGS ISSUES PRIOR TO CONCLUSION OF A PHASE I AGREEMENT, HOW CAN THE ALLIES PREVENT THE SOVIETS FROM LATER CLAIMING A DROIT DE REGARD OVER ALL ASISBC ARMAMENT LEVELS IN THE NGA?

(C) IF NEITHER SIDE RAISES OPTION III CEILINGS ISSUES PRIOR  
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TO CONCLUSION OF A PHASE I AGREEMENT, IT WOULD BE PRESUMED THAT LIMITATIONS APPLY IMPLICITLY TO SYSTEMS WHOSE REDUCTION WAS EXPLICITLY BARGAINED FOR, AND ONLY SUCH SYSTEMS. IN THIS CASE, HOW COULD THE ALLIES ASSURE THEMSELVES OF SOME KIND OF CONSTRAINT

ON SOVIET NUCLEAR SYSTEMS COMPARABLE TO THOSE REDUCED BY THE US?

2. EXISTING GUIDANCE INDICATES THAT CEILINGS ISSUES WOULD BE ADDRESSED BY THE ALLIES ONLY AFTER THE INITIAL INSTRUCTED SOVIET RESPONSE TO THE ALLIED NUCLEAR OFFER, PLACING ON THE PACT THE BURDEN OF RAISING THE ISSUE OF ARMAMENTS LIMITATIONS. THIS IMPLIES THAT CEILINGS ISSUES WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE ADDRESSED AT ALL IF THE SOVIET RESPONSE FAILS TO INCLUDE SERIOUS QUESTIONS CONCERNING ARMAMENTS LIMITATIONS.

3. WE DOUBT THAT THE ALLIES WILL AGREE TO DEFER THIS ISSUE, AS THE US PROPOSES, AND THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT WASHINGTON DEVELOP FURTHER GUIDANCE FOR USE IF AND WHEN THE QUESTION ARISES IN THE SPC.

4. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS SECDEF.  
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